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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

21 June 1985

Dear Norm,

Here is the program for the conference which you will keynote at 7:30 p.m. on the evening of June 25th.

I look forward to seeing you at the Eastern Air Lines Shuttle Terminal at National Airport at 5 p.m. on that date.

Sincerely,

*Bill*  
William J. Casey

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"CONTEMPORARY SOVIET PROPAGANDA AND DISINFORMATION"

--Preliminary Agenda--

June 25, 1985

3:00 P.M.        Registration,  
                  Airlie House, Warrenton, Va.

5:30 P.M.        Reception

6:30 P.M.        Dinner

7:30 P.M.        Keynote Address

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(8:00 A.M. -    Session I. The Semantics of Soviet Propaganda and  
12:00 Noon)    Disinformation: Themes and Goals--Chair,  
                  Lewis S. Feuer, University of Virginia

8:00 A.M.        Roundtable: "The Lexicon of Soviet Propaganda:  
                  Its Connotative Content"

                  --Moderator: James P. Scanlan,  
                                  Ohio State University

                  --Panelists: Vassily Aksyonov, Goucher College  
                                  : Libor Brom, University of Denver

9:00 A.M.        Colloquium: "The Operational Code of the Politburo  
                  Revisited: Soviet Ideology Today"

                  --Paper: George Breslauer,  
                                  University of California, Berkeley

                  --Commentator: Richard E. Combs, Jr.,  
                                  Department of State

(10:00 -        Break  
10:15 A.M.)

10:15 A.M.        Panel: "The Soviet Approach to Discourse in  
                  International Relations"

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--Paper, "Setting the General Terms of Reference":  
Herbert J. Ellison, The Kennan Institute for  
Advanced Russian Studies

--Paper, "Dealing With Friendly Forces": Jiri Hochman,  
Ohio State University

--Paper, "Dealing with Adversarial Forces": TBA

--Commentator: Leon Lipson,  
Yale University

12:00 Noon Luncheon

(1:00 -  
5:15 P.M.) Session II. Case Studies in Soviet Use of  
Propaganda and Disinformation--Chair,  
Paul Seabury, University of California at Berkeley

1:00 P.M. Roundtable: "The Treatment of the History of  
World War II in the Baltics"

--Paper: Romuald Misiunas, Yale University

--Panelists: Louis Rotundo, Florida State University  
: Aleksandr Nekrich, Russian Research Center,  
Harvard University

2:00 P.M. Colloquium: "The Soviet Defense Burden and the  
Specter of War"

--Paper: Myron Rush, Cornell University

--Commentator: Cyril Black, Princeton University

(3:00 -  
3:15 P.M.) Break

3:15 P.M. Colloquium: "The Peace Movement in Europe:  
Manipulation of Popular Perceptions"

--Paper: Gerhard Wettig, Federal Institute for  
Eastern and International Studies (Koln, FRG)

--Commentator: John Van Oudenaren,  
The Rand Corporation

4:15 P.M. Colloquium: "The Arms Control Arena: Target on  
Policy Initiatives"

--Paper: Stanley Kober, Center for Naval Analyses

--Commentator: TBA

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6:30 P.M.       Dinner

(8:00 -       **Workshop:** Soviet Propaganda Channels--Chair,  
10:00 P.M.)       Maurice Tugwell, University of New Brunswick

8:00 P.M.       Seminar A: "Propaganda and the Media"

                  --Leader: Ellen Mickiewicz,  
                                Emory University

Seminar B: "Propaganda and Diplomacy"

                  --Leader: Malcolm Toon,  
                                retired U.S. Ambassador

Seminar C: "Propaganda and Unofficial  
Relationships"

                  --Leader: Richard H. Shultz,  
                                Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

9:00 P.M.       Plenary Session: Seminar Reports

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(9:00 -       **Session II.** Case Studies... (cont.)  
10:00 A.M.)

9:00 A.M.       Colloquium: "National Liberation Movements"

                  --Paper: Roger Kanet, University of Illinois,  
                                Urbana-Champaign

                  --Commentator: David Albright, Air War College

(10:00 -       Break  
10:15 A.M.)

(10:15 A.M. - **Session III.** Impact of Domestic Sensitivities on  
12:00 Noon)       Soviet External Propaganda and Disinformation--  
                                Chair, Cyril Black

10:15 A.M.       Panel: "Coping With the Contradictions"

                  --Paper, "Dissidence": Peter Reddaway,  
                                London School of Economics and Political Science

                  --Paper, "Religion": Bohdan Bociurkiw,  
                                The Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian  
                                Studies

                  --Paper, "Emigres": Tonu Parmin,  
                                University of Maryland

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--Paper, "Afghanistan": Zalmay Khalilzad,  
Columbia University

--Commentator: Robert Conquest,  
The Hoover Institution

12:00 Noon Luncheon

(1:00 - 3:00 P.M.) Session III. Impact... (cont.)

1:00 P.M. Roundtable: "Moscow's View of Its Own Performance and  
of Western Vulnerability to Semantic Manipulation"

--Moderator: Robert V. Daniels,  
University of Vermont

--Panelists: Vladimir Shlapentokh,  
Michigan State University  
: Michael Voslensky,  
Research Institute for Contemporary  
Soviet Affairs (Munich, FRG)

2:00 P.M. Roundtable: "Domestic Backlash: National  
Misperceptions and Policy Distortions"

--Moderator: Uri Ra'anan, Fletcher School of  
Law and Diplomacy

--Panelists: Alex Alexiev, The Rand Corporation  
: TBA

(3:00 - 3:15 P.M.) Break

(3:15 - 5:00 P.M.) Session IV. 'Conference Findings

3:15 P.M. Roundtable: "Strengths and Weaknesses of Soviet Use of  
Propaganda and Disinformation Against Western National  
Security Interests"

--Moderator: Paul A. Smith, Jr.,  
Editor, Problems of Communism

--Panelists: Lewis Feuer, Paul Seabury,  
Maurice Tugwell, Cyril Black

5:00 P.M. Conference closes.